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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1615

BURKHARD SCHLÜTERMANN

Examiner: JAMES M. SPEAR

APPLICATION NO: 09/367,361

FILED: AUGUST 11, 1999

FOR: OXACARBAZEPINE FILM-COATED TABLETS

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of April 20, 2006 in the above-identified application has a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 20, 2006. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The response to said Office Action is a continuation application of the above-identified application.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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